Upgradation of Aurangabad Airport

158. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to upgrade Aurangabad airport as an International Airport and to develop Nanded airstrip from tourists point of view ; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Airport at Shravasthi, U. P.

162. SHRI RUDRASEN CHAUDHURY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to construct an airport at Shravasthi in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) whether there is any scheme to provide air taxi service up to Shravasthi to facilitate the International tourists, particularly Buddhist devotees ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) A preliminary project report has been prepared for the construction of an airport at Shravasthi in Uttar Pradesh. The implementation of the project depends upon the availability of land free of cost from the State Government as well as resources being found for it.

Grants for Promoting Tourism

163. PROF. PREM DHUMAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state the State-wise details or grants provided by the Government during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 respectively for promoting tourism ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : A statement giving the financial assistance released to the State Governments for various projects/schemes for strengthening of tourism infrastructure during 1989-90 and 1990-91 is enclosed.

The financial assistance for the year 1991-92 would be extended on the specific proposals with estimates being received from the State Governments, subject to availability of funds and inter-se-priorities.